Swathi Thirunal Music Academy.

7. ***Mr. Kallur Narayana Pillai**: Will the Government be pleased to furnish a caste-war statement of the pupils admitted in the Swathi Thirunal Music Academy in the years 1114 and 1115 with their qualifications?

Mr. A. Gopala Menon: The Swathi Thirunal Academy of Music, Trivandrum, was started only at the beginning of the current Malabar year (1115). A statement showing the caste-war number of pupils admitted in the Academy is given below. The selection was personally made by the Principal of the Academy after examination—the main factors in the selection being the possession of a fairly good voice and a taste in Music.

Caste.	*No. of pupils.*
Nairs ...	51
Tamil Brahmins ...	30
Thampurans ...	2
Christians ...	11
Asaris ...	2
Kuravans ...	1
Marars ...	2
Ezhavas ...	2
Kaniyars ...	1

Luggage received in Transport buses.

8. ***Mr. K. M. Kesavan** (*Karunagapalli, Karthigapalli and Ambalapuzha* cum *Shertalla*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether it is the driver or conductor who is responsible for the luggage received in transport buses:

(*b*) if the luggages kept on the top of buses are damaged, can the conductor be held responsible for such damage;

(*c*) whether any conductor was punished for the eggs kept on the top of any bus and damaged by falling down; and

(*d*) the nature of the punishment given to the conductor?

Mr. K. Sankaran: (*a*) Conductors are responsible for the safe loading and unloading of luggage.

(*b*) Only if such damage is due to any fault of the conductor.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) The cost of the eggs so damaged was recovered from the conductor and paid to the owner.

Mr. E. K. Kuripe (*Parur, Kunnatnad and Muvattupuzha* cum *Devicolam*): —ട്രാൻസ്പോർട്ട് ബസ്സുകളുടെ മുകളിൽ സാധനങ്ങൾ ഇടുന്നതുകൊണ്ടല്ലേ അവ നശിക്കാനിടയാകുന്നത്?

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Mr. K. Sankaran : അല്ല.

Mr. E. K. Kuripe : അവയ്ക്ക പൊക്കം കുറവാണോ?

Mr. K. Sankaran : ആവശ്യമുള്ള പൊക്കം ഉണ്ടെന്നാണ് ഗവണ്മെന്റിന്റെ അഭിപ്രായം.

Confirmation of Conductors.

9. *** Mr. K. M. Kesavan :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether conductors were confirmed during the month of Mithunam 1115 : and

(*b*) if so, the principle underlying such confirmation ?

Mr. K. Sankaran : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Efficiency and priority of entry in the Department.

Mr. K. M. Kesavan : With reference to answer to part (b) may I know whether all those who were confirmed during the month of Mithunam last possess the necessary examination qualifications ?

Mr. K. Sankaran : Confirmations are made on considerations of efficiency as well as educational qualifications. The qualifications of individual conductors cannot be given at this moment.

Mr. T. Krishna Pillai (*Kalkulam and Vilavancode* cum *Neyyattinkara*) : If both efficiency and priority of entry are taken into consideration may I know whether there is not a possibility of collision of the two ?

Mr. K. Sankaran : There is no possibility of efficiency and priority coming into collision.

Mr. T. Krishna Pillai : Suppose a conductor who has got greater service is inefficient, I wish to know how the proportion will be kept up ?

Mr. K. Sankaran : Inefficient conductors will not be confirmed.

Approach road to Ananda Asramam.

12. *** Mr. James Fletcher :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the approach road to Ananda Asramam (and premises of all Travancore Sidha Vaidya Sangham Head Office) has been completed ; and

(*b*) if the answer is in the negative when they expect the approach road to be completed ?

Mr. M. S. Doraswami Aiyangar : (*a*) No.

(*b*) This cannot be definitely stated now.

Mr. James Fletcher : With reference to answer to part (b) may I know whether any provision has been made for the construction of the road ?

Mr. M. S. Doraswami Aiyangar : A provision of Rs. 700 has been made for the year 1116.

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